

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: EXCHANGE OF TRANSIT TRAFFIC	DOCKET NO. SPU-00-7 (DRU-00-2)
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**ORDER FURTHER REVISING PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE AND GRANTING PERMISSION TO APPEAR**

(Issued September 29, 2000)

On August 7, 2000, a technical workshop was held in Docket No. SPU-00-7. At the termination of the technical workshop, several parties requested a 30-day extension to the procedural schedule. The schedule was extended by an order issued on August 18, 2000. The Utilities Board (Board) has been notified that at least two subsequent meetings have taken place in an attempt to reach an agreement in this docket.

A joint motion to extend the current procedural schedule was filed with the Board on September 27, 2000, indicating that "significant progress has been made" and requesting a further extension of the schedule. The Board finds it reasonable to grant the extension of the current schedule as requested.

A petition was filed on August 21, 2000 by W. R. England, III, for permission to appear as out of state counsel on behalf of the Iowa Telecommunications Association (ITA). Mr. England is a member in good standing of the Missouri Bar.

Local counsel has been designated for acceptance of service for ITA within the state of Iowa for this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The ordering paragraph of the Board's August 18, 2000, order is amended as follows:

c. All parties shall file prepared direct testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, on or before November 16, 2000.

d. All parties shall file any prepared responsive testimony, with supporting exhibits and workpapers, on or before December 14, 2000.

e. A hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony and cross-examination of all testimony will commence at 10 a.m. on January 16, 2001, in the Board's hearing room at 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Parties shall appear at the hearing one-half hour prior to the time of hearing to mark exhibits. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Board at 515-281-5256 to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

f. Any party desiring to file an initial brief, may do so on or before January 30, 2001.

g. Any party desiring to file a reply brief, responding to the arguments raised in any other party's initial brief may do so on or before February 9, 2001.

2. The petition filed by W. R. England, III, to appear as out of state counsel on behalf of the Iowa Telecommunications Association is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 29th day of September, 2000.